

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת חקת- פרקי אבות פרק ה'

June 29, 2012

ט' תמוז תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת חקת

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 8:15

שקיעה 8:33

שבת פרשת חקת

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:13

פרקי אבות שיעור 6:25

הלכה שיעור** 7:15

מנחה 8:00

שקיעה 8:32

מעריב 9:14

Weekday Schedule:

שחרית 7/1-7/6 Week of

Sunday 7:45

Mon, Thurs 6:20, 7:45

Tues, Weds, Fri
6:30, 7:45

מנחה - מעריב

Sun-Thurs 8:20

Next Week:

שבת פרשת בלק

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual lighting time 8:13

שקיעה 8:31

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Dr. Yehuda and Judy Eliezri in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Ahuva Hadar, daughter of Elyana and Joe Bednarsh.

סעודת שלישיית is co-sponsored by David Abramczik for the yartzheit of his father Hachaver Yosef ben Shimon, and Ed Tager for the yartzheit of his father, Yechiel Michel Ben Peretz and by Carl Markowitz for the yahrtzeit of his father, Avrohom Zev Ben Kalman

***Rabbi Gottlieb's Contemporary Halacha shiur for the upcoming weeks is "A special series on the evolution of halacha." The shiur takes place Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before mincha.

General Membership Meeting and Elections will take place THIS motza'ai Shabbos June 30 at 10:30 pm. All members in good standing are urged to attend.

Mark Your Calendar For An Inspiring Program for the "Three Weeks":

Sunday July 15 at 10 a.m.: A Morning at the Spring Valley Holocaust Museum and Study Center— the 2 hour program will include a tour of the exhibit with museum educator Rick Leibert, audio-presentation of "The Hiding," and a lecture/discussion led by Rabbi Gottlieb on Responsa of the Holocaust. If you are considering joining us, please contact Aviva at 352-1343 or aviva@baistorah.org, it will help the Museum plan for our visit.

Sunday July 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Bais Torah Rabbi Bezalel Rudinsky, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivas Ohr Reuven: will speak about "Transforming the Flames of Devastation into the Forge of Restoration"

Tisha B'av-Sunday July 29 beginning at chatzos Bais Torah's Tish'a B'Av video presentation. Details to follow.

The new 2012-2013 KOSHER DISCOUNT CARD is now available! Great savings and giveaways at places you already shop! Only \$20.00, and the card is valid for one year! Proceeds benefit Bais Torah and Jewish Family Service. For more information and to purchase the card call Aviva in the shul office or Leslie Goldress. 352-3257

The next **Kosher Food Pantry** collection date is **July 9**. Bais Torah's commitment is **130 cans of fruit** for the month. The Food Pantry cannot accept cans with expired dates

Join us! **Mostly Mozart Concert at Avery Fisher Hall Tuesday, August 14th at 8 p.m.** Osmo Vänskä, conductor, Rudolf Buchbinder, piano. Featuring: MOZART: Symphony No. 32, BEETHOVEN: Piano Concerto No. 3, SCHUBERT: Symphony in C major ("Great") There is a **pre concert piano recital at 7 p.m.** BEETHOVEN: Sonata No. 23 ("Appassionata") Tickets are **\$55.00 each payable in advance to Bais Torah** All reservations and checks must be in by July 10th. For information and tickets Contact: Sandy Thurm sfthurm@optonline.net 368-3418

Save the Date! Sunday, August 26 join Bais Torah at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park. Some of the Special Exhibits include "Filming the Camps: From Hollywood to Nuremberg" rare footage of the liberation of Dachau with detailed directors' notes, narratives describing burials at Falkenau, and the documentary produced as evidence at the Nuremberg trial. Also "Emma Lazarus: Poet of the Exiles," her Sephardic background, her American roots, and her work for Jewish causes and a Jewish homeland. For details please contact Doris Newman or David Lehmann.

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's
grandson- הונתן משה
בן דבורה טובה

Teddy Kallner- תודרוס בן
הינדא

Henry Shapiro- חיים מאיר
יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London מנחם מונש
בן חנה פרידא

Bob Schore חיים ראובן בן -
הענדל יהודית

Tova Eizik's grandson -
שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה
רייזל

Leni Loebenstein - הלני
בת רחל

Ben Zauderer בנימין בן -
בילה

Chana Mayerfeld- חנה
פרומה בת יהודית גיטל

Larry Seligson-
אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son- רפאל
אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Felise Katz's father- חיים
בן חנה

Ed and Helen Furman's
son in law
רפאל צבי בן עיטא לאה

Manny Mayerfeld
מנחם בן קילה

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zcher
nishmas Feigel bas Men-
achem Mendel, meets Shab-
bos afternoon 30 minutes
before Pirkei Avos Shiur

Sunday:

6:30 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Mischeches
Pesachim Rab-
bi Yisroel Gottlieb

Sun-Thurs:

10:00 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Mon-Friday

5:25 AM Daf Yomi I
Rabbi Avromy Fein

7:00 AM Daf Yomi II
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

8:25 AM Navi Shiur
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur
Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Wednesday

8:15 PM Navi Yechezkel
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb-will
resume in the fall

Thursday

8:00PM Women's Mishnayos
class-Will resume in the fall

Parashas Chukas– “An Introduction to “Chukim,” Decrees

There are two basic kinds of Commands in the Torah: “Mishpatim,” Judgments and “Chukim,” Decrees. “Mishpatim” yield their rationale to the intense scrutiny of human intelligence; “Chukim” do not. Shlomo HaMelech, the wisest of all men, admitted as much in Megilas Koheles, “I applied my intelligence towards understanding all of it (the Torah); I thought my wisdom was sufficient, but some of its elements are far beyond me.” (Koheles 7:23)

The following are excerpts from Midrash Rabbah, on Parashas Chukas:

“Rabbi Yehoshua from Sichnin said in the name of Rabbi Levi, ‘When the Holy One, Blessed is He taught the Torah to Moshe, with regard to everything that became ritually unclean, He taught him how to remove the uncleanness (for example, in Parashas Shemini, concerning the subject matter of clean and unclean animals, we find there (VaYikra 11:26-28) ‘Anyone who touches their carcasses remains unclean till the evening, and one who carries their carcasses must wash his clothes, and remains unclean until the evening.’) But when he came to Parashas Emor, (where the issue is uncleanness resulting from contact with a human corpse), Moshe said to HaShem, ‘Master of the Universe, if someone becomes unclean in this manner, how does he regain his state of purity?’ And HaShem did not answer him at that time. Moshe’s face turned colors from pain and embarrassment. However, when Moshe reached the subject of ‘Parah Adumah,’ the Holy One, Blessed is He said to him, ‘At the time that I commanded you, ‘Speak to the Kohanim,’ you asked Me, ‘If one becomes unclean in this manner, how does he regain his state of purity?’ Then I did not answer you. Now I will; ‘And they shall take for the one who has become unclean by contact with a human body from the ashes of the Sin Offering, mixed with ‘living waters’ and one in a state of purity shall dip a hyssop into that water and sprinkle it upon the one who is unclean...’ And Moshe’s face assumed its previous brightness because now he knew that this was a decree of the Torah...’” (Radal in explanation of the Midrash)

“Rabbi Yehoshua of Sichnin said in the name of Rabbi Levi, ‘There are four Commands of the Torah about which the Evil Inclination attempts to persuade the Jewish People that they make no sense: In each case, the Torah describes the Law as a ‘Chok,’ meaning to say, ‘I HaShem have decreed them and you have no right to question them.’”

“The first is in connection with having relations with the wife of one’s brother, as it says, ‘The nakedness of your brother’s wife, you may not uncover.’ (Vaikra 18:16) At first glance, this seems to be contradicted by the Law of ‘Yibum,’ whereby, in the case of a childless marriage, if the husband dies, then the oldest surviving brother is obligated to marry the widow, as it says, ‘her ‘yavam’ (untranslatable word, to be understood in context) should come in to her for the purpose of establishing the dead brother’s name in Israel.’ (Devarim 25:7) And it is written in connection with the prohibition of the ‘wife of a brother’ ‘You shall observe all of My ‘Chukim’ (Vayikra 20:22)”

“The next is in connection with the Prohibition of ‘Shaatnez,’ using wool and linen together, regarding which it is written ‘Do not wear Shaatnez.’ The case of ‘Tzitzis’ is an exception, whereby a 4-cornered linen garment may be combined with woolen threads on its corners, as it says, ‘You shall guard My Decrees.’”

“The ‘Sair LaAzazel’ the goat sent into the Wilderness, to be thrown off a cliff; anyone who has a share in this procedure was rendered impure, while its purpose was to purify the People of Israel and, once again, the Torah describes the process as a ‘Chukas Chayim’ an Eternal Decree.’ (VaYikra 16:34).”

We have already discussed the paradoxical purifying power invested by the Torah in the ‘Parah Adumah,’ which rendered all involved with its preparation unclean, as described in Parashas Chukas.

“Rabbi Yose be-Rabbi Chanina cites the verse, ‘and they shall bring to you a ‘Parah Adumah’ – The Holy One, Blessed is He, said to Moshe, I will reveal to you the secret of the Red Heifer, but for all others, it will remain a mystery, an unexplained Decree.”

“It is also true that what is concealed and hidden in This-World will be open and revealed in the World -to-Come. And for the greatest of our people, such as Rabbi Akiva and his colleagues, HaShem did already reveal some of the secrets of the Torah, which He will reveal to the whole People in the World -to-Come.”

L’Illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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